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SUBJECT: OMAN RECEIVES PRESS ATTENTION

1. SUMMARY. THE SITUATION IN OMAN IS RECEIVING INCREASED  
SOVIET PRESS PLAY PORTRAYING THE UPHILL FIGHT OF THE POPULAR  
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FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARAB GULF (PFLOAG)

AGAINST THE SULTAN'S BRITISH-LED ARMY BACKED BY THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM (PERSONIFIED BY THE WESTERN OIL MONOPOLIES) AND BY IRANIAN MILITARY CONTINGENTS. ACCORDING TO ONE ARTICLE, THIS INTERVENTION BY "REACTIONARY FORCES" IS "PROVOCATIVE" TOWARD THE YEMEN PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ACROSS THE BORDER AND IS DESIGNED TO STOP "PROGRESSIVE" TRANSFORMATIONS THERE AND PREVENT OMAN FROM FOLLOWING IN THE YPDR'S DEVELOPMENTAL FOOTSTEPS. END SUMMARY.

2. A SUBSTANTIAL ARTICLE IN PRAVDA (NOVEMBER 4) ENTITLED "DANGEROUS DESIGNS" CALLS THE SULTAN'S OPERATIONS (USING BRITISH OFFICIERS AS WELL AS IRANIAN UNITS) AGAINST THE PFLOAG "PROVOCATIVE" TOWARD THE YPDR IN THAT THE OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT ACROSS THE LATTER'S BORDERS. ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR, THE OIL MONOPOLIES ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND IN THE PERSIAN GULF, AND ARE, THEREFORE, LENDING SUPPORT TO THE SUTAN'S EFFORTS TO QUASH THE "PROGRESSIVE" FORCES IN OMAN. IRAN, ANOTHER "REACTIONARY FORCE," ALSO RECEIVES ITS KNOCKS FOR USING MILITARY UNITS IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPAND ITS REGIONAL INFLUENCE. THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES THAT THESE POLICIES ARE ALSO AIMED AT "DESTROYING ARAB UNITY" AND ARE CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE.

3. A COMPEMENTARY PIECE IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (NOVEMBER 2) HITS HARDER AT THE IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN KHOFAR (OSTENSIBLY THERE ARE ALMOST 4,000 TROOPS COMMITTED), BUT ALSO HURLS SOME BARBS AT THE MACHINATIONS OF THE OIL MONOPOLIES AND CLAIMS THE ENTIRE ANTI-PFLOAG EFFORT IS DESIGNED TO PROLONG IMPERIALIST HEGEMONY ON THE SOUTHERN ARABIAN PENINSULA.

4. COMMENT: THIS STEPPED-UP PRESS COMMENTARY ON OMAN COULD POSSIBLY REFLECT MOSCOW'S BELIEF THAT THE PFLOAG MOVEMENT IS ON THE VERGE OF SOME SERIOUS SETBACK, AND THE SOVIETS ARE THUS PAINTING THE SULTAN'S BACKERS AS ALL-POWERFUL. CONCEIVABLY, MOSCOW MAY ALSO WISH TO BUILD AN OPTION TO SEND INCREASED MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE "REVOLUTIONARIES" THROUGH THE PDRSY. END COMMENT.  
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